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INFO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: REPORTED PLANS FOR WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNOR TO VISIT
KOREA

1. MOFA HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO ARRANGE SCHEDULE FOR WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNOR DIXY RAY DURING HER PLANNED UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO KOREA REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 19-22. VISIT SAID TO BE PART OF EAST ASIA TOUR, ALSO TO INCLUDE JAPAN AND ROC, WHOSE GOVERNMENTS HAVE OFFICIALLY INVITED GOVERNOR RAY TO VISIT. SINCE ROKG HAS NOT EXTENDED SUCH INVITATION, MOFA FEELS IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR EMBASSY TO ARRANGE CALLS WITH MOFA, EPB AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, ALTHOUGH MOFA WOULD BE GLAD TO COOPERATE. MOFA REQUEST WAS APPARENTLY PROMPTED BY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HAVING CONTACTED KOREAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, GIVING SCHEDULES AND NAMES OF MEMBERS OF GOVERNOR'S PARTY.

2. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, EMBASSY WAS VISITED IN LATE JULY BY MR. KAZUO WATANABE, DIRECTOR OF WASHINGTON STATE DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WHO SAID HE WAS DOING ADVANCE WORK FOR SUCH A PROPOSED VISIT, BUT THAT SCHEDULE WAS STILL TENTATIVE. HE SAID HIS OFFICE WAS WORKING WITH KOTRA OFFICE IN SEATTLE, AND HE HAD VISITED MOFA IN
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SEOUL PRIOR TO CALLING AT EMBASSY. EMBASSY ARRANGED FOR HIM TO MEET WITH KUSEC AND FEDERATION OF KOREAN INDUSTRIES WHILE IN SEOUL. AT HIS SUGGESTION, EMBASSY ALSO WROTE LETTER TO HIS DEPARTMENT IN OLYMPIA (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WAYNE GENTRY) ON AUGUST 2, GIVING HIM NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THESE AND OTHER KOREAN ORGANIZATIONS HE MIGHT WISH TO WRITE. ALTHOUGH WE SAID WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF PLANS,

WE HAVE HEARD NO MORE FROM OLYMPIA.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CONTACTING GOVERNOR RAY'S
OFFICE AND THEN INFORMING EMBASSY OF DETAILS OF
PROPOSED VISIT.
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